
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION
December 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Kallsen Center Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Community Resources Commission was called to order by **Al Siegers** at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Don Budny
Ron Centanni
Mike Cutrano
Deb Melchert
Al Siegers
Mike Sevier
Barbara Rose Whalen (late arrival)
Garrett Gray, Assoc. Member
Absent: Janet Czuchra
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Mike Cutrano**, seconded by **Don Budny**, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Mike Sevier**, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting with a typo revision found by **Garrett Gray**. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Studio

Garrett Gray reported. Studio is moving along. We have new volunteers. We did upgrade a computer which was severely in need of upgrading. Things are going very smoothly. We have good, fresh energy and lots of new ideas.

Al Siegers thanked everyone for their hard work and extra hours working in the Studio. Appreciates all of the extra effort to keep our community informed as to what is going on.

Mike Sevier inquired about the phones at the Studio. **Don Budny** stated the phones are not fixed but are still being looked into. Trying to hook into Public Works or the Police Department.

Al Siegers stated we still do not have a working telephone at the Studio. We need a telephone at the Studio that works, especially seeing that we have volunteers there every week. This has been

going on for many months now. Asked for the village to please look into having a working telephone at the Studio.

Christmas Market Recap **Pictures with Santa**

Al Siegers reported everything went pretty good. Decent weather. Pictures with Santa went well but didn't get the count from the last night. Saturday was 325. **Don Budny** thought it was 345 for Sunday pictures.

Deb Melchert stated we raised \$520.00 for the veterans between donations and Beanie Sales. Donation was \$162.00 for the two nights. Didn't mind the new location but need more "stroller parking" signs.

Al Siegers agreed if we continue with that location, facility and set up we will have to look into some additional signage.

Garrett Gray gave a shout out to people who helped out. Barbara Bennett was excellent as Mrs. Claus, Sheri and Logan's brother Nolan helped out as an elf. Pete was also a great Santa again. John Stone from the Studio helped out with the filming all three days and he was helped out by George Sorgorski (sp?) with the tree lighting on Friday and also on Saturday. John did an excellent job and happy with his commitment to the studio.

Al Siegers stated the money collected for the food pantry on Sunday was \$73.00. The money collected on Saturday was given to the Food Pantry already. At least 4 bins of food were also collected. That was taken to the food pantry each day. **Mike Cutrano** thinks it was 10 bins.

Deb Melchert stated the new set-up worked well considering that the train situation was not ideal if you were stuck on the wrong side of the tracks. It could be 10-15 minutes before you were able to cross to the other side.

Barbara Rose Whalen thought all went very well.

Youth in Government

Don Budny stated that he is giving Andrew the first shot for positions, then will go to TPHS and LW-E for the others. Dates are February 4th and 18th.

Scholarships

Al Siegers reported that **Denise Maly-Politano** has asked **Dominic Sanfilippo** for a status as late as yesterday and nothing has been done. He asked when we usually do those.

Don Budny stated we usually send out applications around February 15th and April 1st is the cutoff. We need scholarship funds before we send the applications out.

Al Siegers stated that if we do not have sufficient funds to do an adequate scholarship program by the next meeting of the CRC we will be forced to put the project on hold for this year.

Deb Melchert stated all are in agreement but it is now named after Reta Brudd and it is rotten that it is not going to happen. How hard is it to get a letter out?

After discussion, **Al Siegers** stated to let the record reflect that if we do not have scholarship funding by the next meeting we will have to be forced to skip a year.

Discover Tinley Discussion

Ron Centanni stated that he went to a train show and ran into the train people. They were shocked and disappointed we were not having Discover Tinley this year. Thought it would be a good idea to notify our regular people as a courtesy and let them know we are not having the event this year.

Al Siegers thinks **Denise Maly-Politano** is working on it but thinks it would be a good idea to make sure that previous vendors know that we are skipping Discover Tinley for 2020.

Garrett Gray stated that the word did get out to the entertainment.

New Business

We did have several extra food and drink tickets from the Christmas Market and Al Siegers returned the ones not used.

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N/A

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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